

CLASSIFICATION SECRET/CONTROL U.S. OFFICIALS ONLY

25X1A

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

INFORMATION REPORT

REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

CD NO.

REF ID: A6512
DO NOT CIRCULATE
CIRCULATE
REF ID: A6512

COUNTRY Tibet/China

DATE DISTR. 10 Sep 1981

SUBJECT Mineral Sources in Tibet

NO. OF PAGES 1

PLACE ACQUIRED 25X1C

NO. OF ENCLS.
(LISTED BELOW)

DATE OF INFO. 25X1A

SUPPLEMENT TO
REPORT NO.

REFERENCE COPY

DO NOT CIRCULATE

25X1X 1. Little mining or prospecting has been done in Tibet. It is the policy of the Tibetan Government not to allow extensive mining because Tibetans believe that the spirits of the earth would be offended by efforts to extract minerals from beneath the surface of the ground.

2. Gold, sometimes in the form of nuggets, occurs widely, and panning for gold is carried on in some Tibetan areas. There are deposits of iron and gold near the Kham area, where the presence of oil is indicated by traces of slick on the rivers.

3. Several years ago, a deposit of mercury bubbled up near Lhasa, and people collected it in jugs. This mercury "spring" later dried up.

4. There are indications of uranium deposits in the northwest plain.

25X1A

1. [REDACTED] Comment. The Kham area is in Sikang Province, China.

CONFIDENTIAL

Document No. 01
No Change In Class. <input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Declassified
Class. Changed To: TS S (G)
Auth: HR 70-2
Date: 18/08/78
By: 029

CLASSIFICATION SECRET/CONTROL U.S. OFFICIALS ONLY

STATE #	X	NAVY	X	NSRB	DISTRIBUTION						
					ORK	EV					
ARMY	X	AIR	X	FBI							